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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page 1, item (54), Title, Line 2, please delete "**MATERIAL**" before "**SILICIDES**" and insert --**METAL**--.

Title Page 1, item (56), U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS, please insert --5,470,794 11/1995 Anjum et al.-- before "5,670,298 A."

Title Page 2, item (56), U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS, please insert --6,753,618 06/2004 Basceri et al.-- before "6,777,739 B1".

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Title Page 2, item (56), U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS, please insert --2004/0043228 A1 03/2004 Derderian et al.

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Title Page 2, U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS, please insert -- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/609,311; filed June 2003, listing Yataes as inventor.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/655,997; filed September 2003; listing Daley as inventor.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/690,029; file October 2003; listing Derderian et al. as inventors.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/882,118; filed April 2004; listing Sandhu et al. as inventors.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/879,367; filed June 2004; listing Blalock et al. as inventors.-- after "OTHER PUBLICATIONS".

Col. 7, line 56, please delete "form" after "departing" and insert --from--.

Col. 8, line 21, claim 3, please delete "nitride comprising" after "the" and insert --nitride-comprising--.

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Col. 8, line 21, claim 4, please delete "nitride comprising" after "the" and insert --nitride-comprising--.

Col. 8, line 21, claim 5, please delete "boride comprising" after "of a" and insert --boride-comprising--.

Col. 8, line 21, claim 6, please delete "boride comprising" after "the" and insert --boride-comprising--.

Col. 10, line 22, claim 46, please delete "silicon containing" after "elemental" and insert -- silicon-containing --.

Col. 10, line 23, claim 46, please delete "nitride comprising" after "tantalum" and insert -- nitride-comprising --.

Col. 10, line 24, claim 46, please delete "silicon containing" after "elemental" and insert -- silicon-containing --.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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